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RE: Media request: Comment on BRT's EA being complete

From: Brownlow, Kellie

Sent: Thursday, December 31, 2015 1:13 PM

To: Ricky Leroux

Subject: Re: Media request: Comment on BRT's EA being complete

Ricky

See below from Chairman Lee. Have a safe and happy New Year. I hope you guys get to enjoy a few days off.

Kellie

With the EA now complete, what's the next step for the project?

This project is included in the CTP for consideration in 2020 or after. If the Board of Commissioners does ever move forward with the project the final decision will be put to Cobb voters via a referendum, per the resolution passed this summer.

Do you plan on moving forward with a voter referendum for the project in 2016?

No.

Faye DiMassimo helped put together the BRT project and pushed for its development. With DiMassimo no longer at the Cobb DOT, is there still a desire on the part of the county to build the BRT?

This project, along with hundreds of others, is included in Cobb County's 2040 Transportation Plan. For this project to move forward at any time, the Board of Commissioners would have to approve it and then it would be put to a referendum of Cobb voters to make the final decision.

What would you like to see happen with this project in 2016, Mr. Chairman.

Nothing. For this project to move forward at any time, the Board of Commissioners would have to approve it and then it would be put to a referendum of Cobb voters to make the final decision.

On Dec 30, 2015, at 6:40 PM, Ricky Leroux <<u>rleroux@mdjonline.com</u>> wrote:

Thanks for the update and the help.

Ricky Leroux Marietta Daily Journal 770.428.9411 ext. 220

On Dec 30, 2015, at 6:33 PM, Brownlow, Kellie < Kellie. Brownlow@cobbcounty.org > wrote:

Ricky

I'll chat with Chairman Lee in the am and get these answered before your deadline.

Kellie

On Dec 30, 2015, at 5:20 PM, Ricky Leroux < rleroux@mdjonline.com > wrote:

Good afternoon,

I'm working on a story about the completion of the Kimley-Horn EA for the BRT and its submittal to the FTA. I'd like to get a comment from you, Mr. Chairman, about this milestone and your thoughts about the project as it stands today. I've included some questions below. If you could send me your answers before 4 p.m. tomorrow (Dec. 31), I would really appreciate it.

- With the EA now complete, what's the next step for the project?
- Do you plan on moving forward with a voter referendum for the project in 2016?
- Faye DiMassimo helped put together the BRT project and pushed for its development. With DiMassimo no longer at the Cobb DOT, is there still a desire on the part of the county to build the BRT?
- What would you like to see happen with this project in 2016, Mr. Chairman?

Thanks.

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